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Review of Project AECARRERA [SR - East Germany (Berlin)]

Period of Review - 1 July 1956 through 30 June 1957

1. The primary objectives of Project AECARRERA are to induce defections and distribute propaganda.

2. Production and Evaluation

The small number of disseminations (10) resulting from interviews with hundreds of East German residents indicates that positive intelligence is still a relatively minor by-product of this operation. Two AECARRERA reports were evaluated by customers. A British service rated one "of slight value only" and "largely inaccurate." The U.S. Army termed the other "of slight or no value," adding that continued coverage of this kind was "of slight importance."

3. Production Rating: "D"

RQM recognizes that positive intelligence production is not a fair and accurate index of the usefulness of AECARRERA. Attention is called to last year's review in which it was suggested that, except in the event a high-level source becomes available, projects of this type cannot be expected to compare with the positive intelligence potential of such highly-organized debriefing facilities as the DRC or REG.

4. In view of the present doubtful value of AECARRERA's positive intelligence production, RQM/RE does not have sufficient grounds to recommend renewal. However, if renewal of this project is approved, it is suggested that the raw reports continue to be scrutinized for information of possible interest to CIA customers.

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